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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0035] with the following amended paragraph:

[0035] Catalysts of the invention may optionally comprise a hydrogenation metal, especially a platinum-group metal, including one or more of platinum, palladium, rhodium, ruthenium, osmium, and iridium. But preferably, the catalysts of the invention may be essentially free of any metal hydrogenation components, which are ~~consider~~ considered unnecessary for liquid phase operation. However, if present then the optional hydrogenation metal is a platinum-group metal, and preferably is platinum. The platinum-group metal generally comprises from about 0.1 to about 2 mass-% of the final catalyst calculated on an elemental basis. The platinum-group metal component may exist within the final catalyst composite as a compound such as an oxide, sulfide, halide, oxysulfide, etc., or as an elemental metal or in combination with one or more other ingredients of the catalyst composite. It is believed that the best results are obtained when substantially all the platinum-group metal component exists in a reduced state.